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In response to Applicant's request for a second interview (paper # 17), Examiner called Applicant and agreed to hold an interview on November 4, 1997 at 2:00 PM. SPE Zele should also attend the interview.

Applicant's comments regarding the discovery of "new art" are not exactly understood because it was Applicant's choice to have the "first" interview prior to examination. Any art used during the normal examination procedure (e.g., in the first office action) should not be called "new art".

It should be noted that Applicant's request for interview (paper # 17) contains inaccuracies such as the statement regarding the Examiner's intention, on October 9, 1997, to issue a Final rejection. The record clearly shows that a non-final office action has been prepared, processed, and mailed on October 9, 1997. Applicant had requested a Final rejection so that he can file an appeal and Examiner informed him that he still could file an appeal in response to the non-final rejection because the claims have been rejected twice. Again, it appears that Applicant reads into Examiner's remarks and reaches his own conclusions.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Examiner Ahmad Matar whose telephone number is (703) 305-4731.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.


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